vision of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA), the foreign exchange required for repatriation of sale proceeds is purchased from the foreign exchange market.

(c) Since the foreign exchange required for repatriation of sale proceeds or shares evidenced by GDRs is required to be obtained from the foreign exchange market, there is no outflow of foreign exchange on Government or Reserve Bank of India account.

VALIDITY OF PATTADAR PASS BOOKS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOR LOANS

2535. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether "Pattadar Pass Books" issued by Government of Andhra Pradesh are valid documents, to secure loans from commercial banks and whether it can be pledged hypothecated; and

(b) if not, what are the hurdles and what steps are proposed to be taken to redress the problems ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) :

(a) and (b) Under the proposal for the issue of Pattadar Pass Book by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, it is contemplated to give legal status to the Pattadar Pass Book and to treat it as a title deed to be accepted for creation of equitble mortgage to secure loans. However, the proposal has not so far taken a final shape.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND ZAMBIA ON DRUG TRAFFICKING

2536. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Zambia had signed a pact on control of trafficking in narcotics during Zambian President's recent visit to New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement; and

(c) whether such bilateral agreements have been signed with other countries also, with a view to effectively control drug-trafficking ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agreement provides for exchanging information and undertaking measures in order to identify, suppress and prevent the criminal activities of International drug syndicates.

(c) Yes, Sir. Bilateral agreements have been signed with Mauritius, U. S. A., Afghanistan, Russian Federation and Myanmar.

ATTRACTING BLACK MONEY FOR INVESTMENT

2537. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has sent a proposal to attract black money for investment in oil exploration;

(b) whether the department of Telecommunications also has sent such a proposal for investment in telecom sector; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) :

(a) to (c) There have been suggestions from Government Departments for mobilising resources to attract undisclosed income. No concrete proposal has so far emerged. The Department of Telecom-

munications, have, however, suggested to have a scheme on the lines of Indira Vikas Patra but no details are available.

2538. (Transferred to 22nd December, 1993)

FINANCES WITHDRAWN BY SCICI TO DEEP SEA FISHING OPERATION

2539. SHRI V. HNUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the SCICI has withdrawn financing to deep-sea fishing vessels;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to return seized fishing vessels to operators; and

(c) details of steps proposed by SCICI to revive the sick deep-sea fishing Industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India announced a rehabilitation scheme on 4-4-1991 for the fishing companies assisted by erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC). Further relaxations were made in the scheme by the Govt. in April, 1992 in response to requests from the Industry. The scheme envisages various concessions which include waiver of penal interest, recapitalisation of over-due amounts repayable over the balance life of the vessel, additional financial assistance for meeting increased cost of acquisition of vessels and assistance for repairs and modifications of vessels. On receipt of further representation from the deep sea fishing industry, the Govt. of India have constituted a High Level Technical Committee in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to look into the problems of the industry.

PARTICIPATION OF INDIA IN GEF

2540. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR :
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been enlisted as a participant of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as a donor beneficiary;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any project in India has been identified for GEF-funds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) :

(a) Yes, Sir. India is a participant of the Global Environment Facility as a donor as well as a beneficiary.

(b) and (c) The Government has posed some projects for GEF funding and are being processed.

राष्ट्रीय बचत योजना

2541. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सातवीं और आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीय बचत योजना के अन्तर्गत राज्य-वार कितना लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य ने कितना लक्ष्य प्राप्त किया है;

(ग) इस योजना के अन्तर्गत गुजरात के विभिन्न जिलों द्वारा कितना लक्ष्य प्राप्त किया गया है;

(घ) क्या इस योजना के अन्तर्गत और अधिक धनराशि एकत्रित करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कोई